



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL NUMBER 193

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2005, the Honorable Dr. Thomas M. George, M.D., Senator from the 20th Senatorial District for the State of Michigan, introduced Senate Bill Number 193; and Senate Bill 193 was passed by the State Senate on March 16, 2005 and sent to the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 193 proposes to amend Section 8117 (MCL 600.8117), as amended by Act 161 of the Public Acts of 1997, of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, being Public Act 236 of the Public Acts of 1961; by eliminating the three (3) election divisions that currently exist within the Eighth Judicial District Court; and,

WHEREAS, eliminating the three (3) election divisions currently existing within the Eighth Judicial District Court will result in the Eighth Judicial District Court being an undivided district of the first class; and,

WHEREAS, if the Eighth Judicial District Court becomes an undivided district of the first class, all eligible voters within Kalamazoo County will have an opportunity to cast ballots in all District Court Judicial election contests; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Kalamazoo County will benefit if all of the Judges within the Eighth Judicial District Court are elected on a county-wide basis; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Supreme Court is on record supporting SB193 along with the members of the Bench of the Eighth Judicial District Court support the provisions of Senate Bill Number 193 to support the county-wide election of Judges.

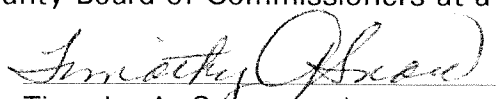
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners does hereby state its full and unconditional support for Senate Bill Number 193 and urges the Michigan House of Representatives to adopt Senate Bill Number 193.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send certified copies of this Resolution to the following individuals:

The Honorable Senator Thomas M. George, the Honorable Lorence Wenke, the Honorable Jack Hoogendyk, the Honorable Alexander Lipsey, and the Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Timothy A. Snow, County Clerk/register, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners at a regular session held on April 5, 2005.


Timothy A. Snow
Clerk/Register